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Minutes

MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION 1 ASHBURTON PLACE, BOSTON, DPS CONFERENCE ROOM 1301 June 10, 2014, 12:00PM

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Adams at 12:34pm followed by roll call:

Board Members Present

LaTeisha Adams, Chair
Commissioner Gary Litchfield
Commissioner Guy Licciardi
Commissioner Joseph Krowski, Jr
Commissioner Quion T Riley

Guests Present

Ronnie Drimer, DPS Program Coordinator
Deirdre Hosler, DPS Deputy General Counsel
Michael Polvere, MMA Matchmaker
Artie Depinho, Boxing Matchmaker
George Birkadze, fighter coach
Brendan McKee, Office to Octagon

2. Approval of the minutes from April 8, 2014
A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the minutes of April 8, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed (4-1) Commissioner Litchfield abstained.
3. Approval of suspensions for:
Plymouth, April 5, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the suspensions for the April 5th event and was seconded by Commissioner Riley. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.
Agawam, April 5, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the suspensions for the April 5th event and was seconded by Commissioner Litchfield. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.
Dorchester, April 12, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the suspensions for the April 12th event and was seconded by Commissioner Litchfield. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Dorchester, April 26, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the suspensions for the April 26th event and was seconded by Commissioner Riley. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

4. Open Meeting Law training

Attorney Hosler distributed the open meeting law packets and reviewed the open meeting law requirements including those provisions on deliberations, meetings open to the public except for executive sessions which are closed, records of the meeting kept by Ronnie Drimer regarding how violations are handled.

5. Hearing - Late to weigh-in on February 20, 2014: Dan Bardellini

The fighter did not appear for this hearing. He has been sent 3 letters to appear. Commissioner Litchfield made a motion to fine Mr. Bardellini \$100 and suspend him for 30 days, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Approved 3-2 Commissioner Licciardi and Krowski Jr opposed.

6. Hearing – George Birkadze medicals on Fabio Lima

There were 9 exhibits presented for the hearing. George Birkadze is Fabio Lim's "coach". He stated that he was very busy with his 8 fighters and the lab was late getting the blood work results back quickly. He did not know how to use the fax machine at the gym and the papers were faxed by someone else with the date change in error on the blood work. Attorney Hosler stated that the physical exam date had also been altered. Mr. Birkadze stated that he changed the dates and he was sorry and takes full responsibility. Matchmaker Michael Polvere was in attendance at the meeting and informed the Commission that Brandi Light went to the gym and told them to send the paperwork to the MSAC office. There seemed to be a language barrier with Mr. Birkadze and Mr. Lima. Attorney Hosler stated that only the signature date had been altered on the medical exam form along with the altered date on the blood results. When the administrative staff called the doctor's office on April 2, 2014 they said that Fabio had come in on March 31, 2014 for his physical and blood work. George's license had since expired and Attorney Hosler informed the Commission that you cannot fine someone who is unlicensed.

Fabio Lima did not attend the hearing. His notices were returned to the office unclaimed. Attorney Hosler stated according to 523CMR, 6.01(7), it is the licensee's responsibility to keep the Commission informed of new addresses. Commissioner Litchfield made a motion to put a letter of reprimand in his file so if/when he renews his license it is addressed with no fine at present. Chair Adams stated that altered documents should not be taken lightly and that a letter of reprimand and a fine should be given to Mr. Lima since his license and medicals are his responsibility. Commissioner Krowski Jr and Licciardi agreed with no fine. Commissioner Riley seconded Commissioner Litchfield's motion, approved 4-1, Chair Adams opposed.

7. Licensing of Nurse Practitioners was tabled

8. Process regarding amateur boxing official applications was tabled

9. Review/approval of new applications:

Brendan McKee: MMA promoter application

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Riley; the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Brendan McKee: MMA matchmaker application

A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Riley; the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Victor Gibbons: Boxing judge application was tabled
Jason Grenier: MMA judge application was tabled
Jeffrey Moore: MMA judge application was tabled
David Greenwood: Boxing referee application was tabled

10. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Licciardi to have Kru John Allen attest to John Downey's ability to fight, seconded by Commissioner Krowski, the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

The staff will check with Chris Palmquist of the MMA/ABC record keeping before approving applications for events to make sure the promoter's have registered their events.

11. Schedule next meeting

The following is a schedule for the next 3 MSAC meetings:

August 7, 2014, Thursday at 12:00pm
September 4, 2014, Thursday at 12:00pm
October 2, 2014, Thursday at 12:00pm

12. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.

List of Documents/Exhibits used at this meeting

Open Meeting Law packet
Notices of Hearing for Fabio Lima with altered medical documents
Notices of Hearing for Dan Bardellini
Notices of Hearing for George Birkadze
Applications for Brendan McKee, promoter and matchmaker
Suspension lists for:
April 5, 2014, MMA
April 5, 2014, MMA
April 12, 2014, MMA
April 26, 2014, Boxing